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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A PLASMA PROTEIN-CONTAINING
MEDICAMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the captioned
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

✓ Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice or disclaimer.
Please add the following claims:

a' 14. A method of preparing a plasma-protein-containing
medicament from one of citrated plasma and a citrate-containing
plasma fraction, said medicament being substantially free from
undesired metals and said medicament neither taking up any metals
when stored in metal-containing containers, said method
comprising

- exchanging citrate and optionally citrate-bound
metals in a plasma-protein-containing solution for
one of a water-soluble mono- or dicarboxylate or for
an organic mono- or dicarboxylic acid under non-
precipitating conditions,
- recovering at least one plasma protein, and
- finishing said medicament.

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